

REMARKS

After the foregoing Amendment, claims 46-47, 49, and 51-59 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1-45, 48, and 50 stand previously canceled without prejudice. New claims 54-59 are added. No new matter has been added. Consideration and entry of this amendment is respectfully submitted.

After the foregoing Amendment, paragraph [0001] on page 1 has been amended to revise the continuity information and remove the claim of priority to Serial Nos. 09/030,049 filed on February 24, 1998 (now U.S. Patent No, 6,236,647); 08/992,759 filed on December 17, 1997 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,151,332); 08/992,760 filed on December 17, 1997 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,081,536); U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/050,338 filed on June 20, 1997 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/050,277 filed on June 20, 1997. The Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and the Application Data Sheet reflect the same changes and are filed herewith.

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephonic interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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